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From The Editor...

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All the news that's fit to print, and then some...

Hello all, another smaller issue, but first...

This just in...

From Worth Gurley W7WG:

Attached (Right) is a picture from the wedding of Dee Ann Sparr and Michael Sexsmith W7MSX on October 19th in Hillsboro, OR. at Dee's sister's home. The happy couple is currently residing in Post Falls, ID. with plans to move further out in the country to the north of Sprit Lake, ID...



A fine looking couple, but they look a little nervous to me...

Don't worry too much folks, you'll get used to one another after a decade or two... Just kidding!

Another jam-packed action adventure issue of the Loggers bark is here with the usual suspects in abundance!

Any one interested in driving as a volunteer for the Camp fire girls should contact them in Tacoma. It is a year away for the next convoy and you have to be between 25 and 70, good driving record, and have one or two spare days to have fun doing something different. Camp fire girls uses this as a fund raiser. These vehicles go from Humvee size to bigger trucks such as this (CDL Required for big ones). Plus you get a nifty T shirt that not many have! T Shirt is better than DXCC.

Lets get some Ham drivers. Bob Heselberg K7MXE



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Board Meeting October 1st, 2008

The 1 October 2008 RCT Board meeting was held at the Radio Club of Tacoma club house. President Jill Palmer K7JIL called the meeting to order at 7:32 pm

Officers and board members present:

President: Jill Palmer – K7JIL

Vice President: Rick Rose KE7EMW

Secretary: Larry Watson -- KD4VOM

Treasurer: Gary McFadden – K7UPG

Board Member: Al Burleson -- K7HW

Board Member: Frank Palmer – AC7JY

Board Member: Al Lentz – W7AML

A sign in sheet with the names of members and guests is attached. There were 13 names on the attendance roster.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

The minutes of the previous Board meeting were approved as coordinated/corrected by e-mail.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Larry Watson – KD4VOM

Correspondence: In addition to the normal utility bills and bank statements, Larry reported receiving the adjusted Hamfest Bethel Jr. High facility use billing which has been significantly reduced. Steve – AD7VL reported that the original bill was not a mistake, but was negotiated down as a result of our assumption that the cost would be similar to that of previous years. Although this year's bill was reduced, "we're on notice that it will be higher next year."

A copy of the correspondence log is attached to the original copy of the minutes.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Gary McFadden – K7UPG

ILLNESS AND SILENT KEY: Jill K7JIL reports having sent a sympathy card to Victoria L Arena – KB9DIZ, XYL of the late John S Arena – KB7TGE (SK)

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Membership: Rick KE7EMW reports the current membership count is 297 and is awaiting Mady Bergstahler N7SEW's membership application as approved by the Board at the 3 September 2008 meeting.

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VE Testing: Next scheduled testing session will be on Tuesday, 14 October

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Field Day Hamfest Signs: Roger KE7EMV and Steve AD7VL reported on their research and proposal to build new RCT event signs. A comprehensive report was delivered by both members of the team, including diagrams, drawings, materials listing and costs. Following their presentation considerable discussion ensued touching on topics of how many signs do we need, size, color combinations, cost and theft prevention. The Sign team recommended spending \$50.00 each to produce two signs and then decide how many would be needed and if there were changes required. The Board was unable to come to a conclusion on how to proceed. The Planning Team offered to work on resolving the remaining problems and come back to the Board at the next meeting. Time is not pressing since the next major use of the signs would likely be for Field Day next June.

Roger KE7EMV and Steve were thanked for their excellent research and proposal; they did exactly what the Board asked them to do.

Internet Resources Team Operating Procedures: Chuck AC7QN asked about the status of the IRT SOP... Larry KD4VOM responded that the SOP was approved at the last Board meeting and a copy will be sent to Chuck.

Salmon Run: Rick KE7EMW reported that pledges are coming in and that if all the pledges made are honored, the Salmon Run Fundraiser should result in \$ 4060.52. Rick reports that over 100 members pledged representing about 34% of the current membership.

Rick noted that recent SK John Arena KB7TBG's XYL had sent a Salmon Run donation in the amount of \$ 25.00. A special thank you letter will be prepared to thank her for this special appreciation of John's interest in Amateur Radio and The Radio Club of Tacoma.

Rick pointed out that Don Hatlestead AC7FA needs a donation acknowledgment for the 5 Salmon Run he donated T-Shirts for auction in support of the Salmon Run fund raiser. The Secretary will provide the donation acknowledgment.

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Rick also reminded us that there is a Salmon Run donation pledge which is contingent on a specific use. Unfortunately accepting donations for a dedicated or specific use is against Club policy. After some discussion it was moved, seconded, and unanimously approved that the Secretary will articulate the current Club policy on dedicated or directed donation use to inform the general membership as well as to respond directly to the potential Salmon Run donor on options they might entertain to resolve the conflict with their request and the Club's policy.

Larry KD4VOM recommended that it is now time to form a Team to review the Club's needs and recommend projects to be funded by the Salmon Run proceeds. He recommended Rick Rose KE7EMW, Al Ferguson N7OMS, Rich Patrick KR7W and Chuck Kemmer AC7QN take up this task.

NEW BUSINESS:

Awards and Christmas Banquet: Rick KE7EMW

Rick KE7EMW reports that Rich N7ANF has made reservations for our Annual Awards Banquet and Christmas Party at the TACID facility for Saturday 13 December from 5:30 to 9 pm. The Board approved an advance for the Facility rental fee as a recurring and normal bill.

Jill K7JIL reminded all that we need someone to head up the annual Doc Spike inspirational award. Al Lentz W7AML agreed to head up the Doc Spike Award selection team for this year.

Rick KE7EMW opened a discussion on the Club's recognition of service by its Presidents. After discussion, the **Motion: That the Radio Club of Tacoma establish a tradition of presenting a ceremonial gavel with an inscription plate containing the name, call, and term of service to outgoing Presidents at the Annual Awards Banquet, or other suitable occasion. The Motion was seconded and passed.**

Scouting Jamboree: Steve AD7VL

The local Scouting districts and councils have traditionally conducted Camporee/Jamborees in conjunction with the national scouting organization in October. This year the National Scouting Camporee/Jamborees will be conducted on October 17-18-19. However, the local Scouting councils have elected not to participate. The ARRL annually supports Scouting Camporee/Jamborees with their Jamboree On The Air

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(JOTA) program.

Steve AD7VL proposes that since there will not be a local Jamboree/Camporee to support, that we invite local council/troops and scouts to join us at the Radio Club of Tacoma Clubhouse for an orientation to Amateur Radio, visit our Museum and have an opportunity to participate in the Nationwide ARRL JOTA exercise. The Board Moved to support Steve's proposal. Steve agreed to contact the local scouting agencies and determine if they are interested and how many we might expect to visit. The project was envisioned to happen on Saturday the 18th from around 10 am to 6pm and perhaps Sunday if there is sufficient interest. Steve will let us know by the 8 October Membership Meeting what his research turns up.

It was noted that the PSK 31 Station which needs repair might be of particular interest to the Scouts.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Open House: Larry KD4VOM reported that the 4 and 11 October Open House dates have been filled by Steve Morton AD7AB, and the 23rd Date has been filled by Bob Purdom AD7LJ. Al Lentz W7AML offered to take the 18 October date.

DISCUSSION TOPICS:

Nomination/Election Process: Chuck Kemmer AC7QN attended the meeting and reported that the Nomination Committee will present their recommendations at the 8 October General Membership Meeting. The team welcomes recommendations from any of the Officers or Board members.

Lawn mowing: Larry KD4VOM reopened the issue of the Lawnmower. After general discussion, Larry agreed to contact Bob Heselberg K7MXE to ask him for recommendations.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15pm

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General Meeting Minutes October 8th, 2008

The 8 October 2008 Monthly Membership meeting was held at the Pierce County Library Administration Building. . President Jill Palmer K7JIL called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

Officers and board members present:

President: Jill Palmer – K7JIL

Vice President: Rick Rose – KE7EMW

Secretary: Larry Watson -- KD4VOM

Treasurer: Gary McFadden – K7UPG

Board Member: Frank Palmer – AC7JY

Board Member: Al Burleson – K7HW

Board Member: Al Lentz – W7AML

A sign in sheet with the names of members and guests is attached. There were 40 names on the attendance roster.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Was led by President Jill K7JIL

INTRODUCTIONS:

Self introductions were completed

ILLNESS OR SILENT KEY: There were no reports of illness or Silent Keys

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Larry Watson – KD4VOM

Correspondence: The usual bank statements, utility bills and QSL cards were received along with several Salmon Run pledge contributions. *A copy of the correspondence log is attached to the original copy of the minutes.*

TREASURER'S REPORT: Gary McFadden – K7UPG, Financial information was available.

NEW BUSINESS

Nomination Committee:

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Membership: Rick Rose KE7EMW reported that the membership count stands at 298

Hamfest: Steve Blacksten AD7VL reported on the proceeds from this year's Hamfest in the amount of \$2821. He thanked the many who participated and helped make the Hamfest a success again this year.

Nomination Committee: Chuck Kemmer AC7QN

Chuck Kemmer AC7QN represented the Nomination Committee and provided a brief background on the Team's activities and announced

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the following Nominating Committee candidates for election for the 2009/2010 terms of office.

For President

Casey Hicks WY7V

Jill Palmer K7JIL

For Treasurer:

Joe Lester K7AWJ

Steve Blacksten AD7VL

For Board positions

Alan Hughes KB7SVU

Alan Lentz W7AML

Bob Purdom AD7LJ

Harry Adams W7HSA

Following the Nomination Committee report the President recessed the meeting for 15 minutes to permit the membership to consider the nominations and any additional nominees they might wish to make.

The meeting resumed after the break and Nominations from the floor were solicited.

Gary McAdams WG7X was nominated from the floor for a board position

After three calls for any additional nominations from the floor, the President announced the nominations were closed.

The President then asked for volunteers to form the Election Committee. The following volunteers were appointed to the Election Committee

Charles Smith KD7UAN Chair

Lynn Neece K7OKS Member

Jon Hamilton AD7AW Member

Larry KD4VOM made a short pitch on the value of the candidate's statements which for many members may be the only information they will use to cast their ballots.

Rick KE7EMW reviewed the Clubs Bylaws procedures in detail so that might be no misunderstanding of the process. Some raised concerns over failure of the US Postal service to deliver their ballot. Ballots must be in the mail by 20 October, and responses postmarked by 5 November or delivered in person to the Secretary prior to the start of the Annual Membership Meeting on 12 November.

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Pat WT7N reviewed the Election Committees tasks and timing, including preparation of the ballots, inserting candidate's statements and photos, mailing the ballots and at the 12 November meeting, counting the ballots and announcing the winners.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Scout Jamboree: Steve AD7VL reported on his contact with the local Scout Council who declined our offer for an orientation to Amateur Radio on the Jamboree weekend this month. Contrary to our previous information they are conducting a Camporee at the Tacoma Council's Camp Hahobis campground on the Olympic Peninsula.

North Kitsap Hamfest: Lynn K7OKS reminded all of the Bremerton/Silverdale Hamfest coming up soon.

Tuning and Traffic:

Lynn K7OKS noted that 20 meters had been active to Europe the past few days and hearing Worth W7WG around 9pm, on 75 meters, but only his call...

Harry W7HSA had a contact with someone in the Black Forest in Germany and **Ken N7ELF** reported RTTY DX contacts with the Canary Islands, Morocco and Spain
We were reminded of the CQ Worldwide SSB contest coming up in late October..

Door Prizes: The donated book: "104 Easy Projects for the Electronics Gadgetter" was won by Gary K7UPG, and the donated book "Low Profile Amateur Radio , (an ARRL book) was won by Jon Hamilton AD7AW

The meeting was adjourned at 8:54 pm

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General Meeting Minutes October 22nd 2008

The 22 October 2008 Monthly Membership meeting was held at the Pierce County Library Administration Building. . Vice President Rick Rose KE7EMW called the meeting to order at 7:36 PM.

Officers and board members present:

Vice President: Rick Rose – KE7EMW
Treasurer: Gary McFadden -- K7UPG
Board Member: Frank Palmer – AC7JY
Board Member: Al Burleson – K7HW
Board Member: Al Lentz – W7AML

A sign in sheet was not available for this meeting. Our audio recording documents ~ 41 in attendance.

Jill – K7Jil received a round of applause when Rick – KE7EMW announced that the reason she was not in attendance was that she had flown to Texas to meet and hold her first Grandchild – Congratulations Jill!

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Was led by Vice President Rick Rose KE7EMW

INTRODUCTIONS:

Self introductions were completed; Visitor John Hicks KC7QFF was welcomed.

ILLNESS OR SILENT KEY:

Rick noted the passing of Hap Arnold – KB7UXD.

Hap was a Lifetime Member of the Radio Club of Tacoma – holding a Technician License. He passed away on March 2nd of last year (2007) at the age of 83.

And the passing of Nana J. Warburton – N7OIX.

Nana was a former member of the Radio Club of Tacoma – holding a Technician Plus License. She passed away on October 3rd at the age of 68.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Al Burleson K7HW

Correspondence: Included the usual utility bills, bank statements, several Salmon Run Pledge returns, and a flyer for the Mt Baker Flea Market and Electronics Show on Saturday October 25th at Lynden Washington.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Was available at the Treasurer's desk.

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NEW BUSINESS

None

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Membership: Rick Rose KE7EMW reports the current membership stands at 298

The VE Team: John AC7WW reports that 13 VE's were not outnumbered for a change as 23 Candidates completed a total of 49 elements. Two candidates passed the Technician, General and Extra elements in one sitting. This session produced sixteen Technicians, four General and two Extra Class licensees. Thanks to Harry W7HSA; Joe W7RQ; Steve AD7VL; Al AC7BU; Jon AC7AW; Rich KK7VH; Stephen AD7AB; Mike AD7TH; Roddney WV7O; Roland WQ7P; Bill AD7QI and of course John AC7WW.

Awards Banquet: Rich Manson N7ANF provided an update on our annual banquet planned for 13 December at the TACID facility on 19th Avenue at Mildred Street.

Doc Spike Award: Al N7OMS is handling the Doc Spike Inspirational Award this year and has four recommendations thus far. He explained the Doc Spike Award and welcomes submissions.

PROGRAM: Ken N7ELF

Tonight's program was the - World Radio Sport Team Championship, a 2002 sixty minute video of Amateur Radio's Olympic Games Continuing an idea that began in Seattle in 1990 with the first WRTC games, this "contest within a contest" was designed to determine the world's best operators under near identical QTH, propagation and station conditions.

This video included colorful footage of Finland in summer, all the lead-up events, 3D animated graphics of quarterly top-ten listings, and extensive real-time contesting action shot on multiple cameras.

Bonus Program: Mike Elwell W7GHW provided a scintillating tale of one of Amateur Radios time honored activities, "raising an antenna". Apparently last June Mike asked for some assistance and got more than he bargained for when Steve AD7VL and Al AC7BU came over after the meeting and offered their skilled and precision assistance. Mike's presentation was a sort of payback description of the intrepid antenna team's visit to Mikes Gig Harbor residence and a play by play of the process. Mike included great detail on the costs and skilled assessment of his G5RV antenna

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(Apparently not socially acceptable in some circles) along with other unexpected perks. ...

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Ballots: Rick KE7EMW Ballots are out: Must be returned postmarked by 5 November or delivered in person to the Secretary prior to the start of the November 12th Meeting.

Rick KE7EMW had handouts of Candidate statements which did not make the original Ballot envelopes.

Tuning and Traffic:

Lynn K7OKS reports hearing Bob W7EXE working a 20 Meter Japanese station, and remember there is a CQ World Wide SSB contest this weekend. We'll probably see the Russians and Europeans on the air.

Gig Harbor Yacht Club Event: Mike On 6 November, there will be a program at the Gig Harbor Yacht Club featuring Lynn Neece and Si Nelson covering Lynn's sailing race to Hawaii and the use of Ham Radio communications. All club members are invited and there is a \$ 5.00 admission to help cover refreshments and snacks.

Door Prizes: Book, Won by Al Lentz W7AML

Propane torch: Won by Leonard Burstiner KA7NWF

VE REPORT John AC7WW

The Volunteer Examiners did not out number the candidates on Tuesday evening, October 14th. Thirteen VE's and twenty-three candidates were at the clubhouse of the Radio Club of Tacoma for the monthly testing session. A total of forty-nine elements were graded with twenty-nine being passed. Two candidates passed the technician test, the general test, and the Extra test. The total for the evening was; sixteen new Technicians, four Generals, and two Extra Class Amateurs. One candidate failed to obtain a license.

Thanks to the following volunteer examiners for their time:

Harry, W7HSA
Steve, AD7VL
Jon, AD7AW
Casey, WY7V
Mike, AD7TH
Roland, WQ7P

Joe, W7RQ
Al, AC7BU
Rich, KK7VH
Stephen, AD7AB
Roddney, WV7O
Bill, AD7QI

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Sparky's "View from the Shack"

This and that around the club, and more...

Sparky's welcomes comments, ideas and letters to "The RCT View", but reserves the right to procrastinate, and generally ignore social engineering or cranky inputs. Editorial philosophy — While there occasionally may be reason and rhyme as we go along, the goal is to ramble through the many and varied activities of the Club and its members as we take another trip around the sun.

- And by your ballot...
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And by your Ballot...

By the time this gets to you, you will have cast your ballot for the new President, Treasurer and two Board officers. The ballots will be counted and the winners announced at the

first general membership meeting in November (which is also called the "Annual Membership Meeting"). You may think your job is done... not so... We all have an abiding and important role in making this venerable organization achieve our goals. We've managed for over 91 years, but as they say in the financial world, past performance is no predictor of future success. Our club has remained steady at around 300 members for several years now, and our meeting programs draw a fair sized crowd of from 30 to 50 twice a month. Saturday morning Open Houses support from 15 to 40 folks, including many who drop by, like what they see and join the club.

We must be doing something right. There is much to be proud of, but there are also many areas that require the engagement of both the club's elected officers and the full engagement of its members. For starters, we need to engage new hams, and get our General Class Program going again... Our commitment to key areas like Emergency Operations and Public Service is less than stellar — these are areas where your interest, talents and commitment can make a difference. Early next year the Board will be considering their plans for the next year or two. You can help by stepping up to lead or participate in an area of this great hobby that appeals to you.

Awards Banquet

Next month, we recognize our own, those who have served so selflessly over the past year to make The Radio Club of Tacoma what it is. As we gather at the end of the year to celebrate the holidays, we take time to say our corporate and individual thanks to those whose service and commitment keep the Club alive, vibrant and moving forward.

If you know of someone who deserves recognition, be sure to jot down a few lines and get them to one of the officers.

The Awards Banquet is planned for 5:30 on Saturday, December 13th at the TACID building on 19th Street... Check out the website for a map.

Please bring something you like to contribute to the pot luck dinner, and make sure it is ready to serve. Hams, Turkeys or Chicken needs to be cut for serving.

Again this year Rich Manson N7ANF and Rick Rose KE7EMW are heading up the planning team.

Attaboys:

Sparky notes — Many of the club volunteers work relatively unseen. Such is the case with the club's **network engineering** team. They have at various times almost completed the installation of our wired internet cabling system. Nick K7MO, Al IN7OMS, Rich KR7W have been the core folks pulling wire, installing terminals and setting up the patch panel... There have been several computers installed as well. The Museum, Library and Administration area have systems up and running and the HF room logging computer has also been returned to service. Plans call for a computer in the classroom to support training as well. Next steps also include relocating the internet access and router, installing a 2 meter repeater in the downstairs equipment rack, and then turning to expanding the HF room by adding additional stations.

Sparky would be remiss if he didn't also recognize the great work done by the **Salmon Run** team, from potluck to pound-ing brass and contesting, a great job promoted principally by Al N7OMS. A special thanks also goes to Don Hatlestad AC7FA and XYL for the Salmon run embroidered shirts which were auctioned off in support of the Salmon Run fund raiser.



Open House has been a staple club operation for many years and was in recent years supported by Rich N7ANF. Rich has essentially retired and here Sparky wants to thank those who have stepped into the breach to insure our club doors are open on Saturdays for rag chewing, donut chewing and welcoming visitors. Al Burleson, K7HW, Gary Kohtala K7EK, Larry Watson KD4VOM, Bob Purdom AD7LJ, Rick Rose KE7EMW, Al Lentz W7AML and others.

The **Nomination Team**; Gary WG7X, Chuck AC7QN and Worth W7WG beat the bushes for candidates and presented their recommendations, Followed by the **Election Team** Charles KD7UAN, Jon AD7AW and Lynn K7OKS who have put together the ballots and got them in the mail. They'll complete their job at the 12 November Annual Membership Meeting.



While on the subject of thanks a tip of Sparky's hat goes to the **anonymous donor** who provided all the nearly 300 first class stamps for mailing our return ballot envelopes, that's a commitment of conscience made real.

And a thanks to **Randy AD7FF** who held the reins of club leadership for nearly two years before personal issues caused him to turn them over to Jill K7JIL. Leadership in a club of 300 is no easy task and we thank Randy for a steady hand at the tiller.



Salmon Run Again Proves Successful

This year's Salmon Run Contesting proved a resounding success, first in the contest itself, second in providing a great opportunity to celebrate Worth Gurlley W7WG's 90th birthday, and of course the fund drive which is raising needed cash for worthy projects. It was a Trifecta...A win/win/win.. We had a great time, in the field, at the clubhouse, on the air while at the same time providing the financial foundation for improving our facilities and operations.

There are so many to recognize for making Salmon Run a great program. From the Washington DXCC organization which sponsors the annual event, Al N7OMS whose foresight and persuasion to make an idea into a reality, for those who packed their gear and wandered to far corners to set up shacks, to the crew who manned the club station, and those who operated from home, to those who brought food, refreshments and decorations for the potluck, and for Worth, just being Worth. Sparky tips his fedora to all.



View from the Shack...

If you don't know where you're going, you'll wind up someplace else.

Sort of a lead for encouraging us to plan for our future. We traditionally have a Mother's Day Breakfast, Picnic, Field Day, Hamfest, and an annual Awards Banquet. But there are many other areas where a little planning and commitment could result in greater community service, as well as helping new hams realize the many joys this hobby of ours can bring. One size does not fit all but all can find something in this multi-faceted hobby to tickle their fancy.

We had an unusually large **Technician Class** in October. 18 students spent Saturday and Sunday with Steve Morton AD7AB and his team working through the ARRL Technician's; course. Sort of speculation, but some find us from word of mouth, some from the W7DK Fair Booth, some from the W7DK.org Website and other public forums...We're proud of our Technician program, and we need to get busy restoring the General Class program again.

VE Program - One of the most successful operations supported by the Club.. Many times the number of Volunteer Examiners outnumber the candidates, but not in the October session. John Clarke AC7WW and his intrepid team of 12 Volunteer Examiners managed to accommodate 23 candidates and administer forty-nine examination elements. Sixteen new Technicians, Four Generals and Two Extra Class Amateurs were the result. Well done both the candidates and John's reliable team...

The Disclaimer...

These articles are intended to browse through recent activities and coming events of possible interest to the Radio Club of Tacoma members. It will of course by design and intent be informal and attempt to record some of the Club's activities that might otherwise go unnoticed.

Sparky "If you want your dreams to come true, don't oversleep"

2008 Slammin salmon Run is History!... Al N7OMS

The Salmon Run Fund Raiser for 2008 was a success. There are many who helped make it so and I would like to this opportunity to acknowledge a few of them. Rick Rose KE7EMW, Roger Holme KE7EMV, Steve Blacksten AD7VL, Larry Watson KD4VOM, Al Burleson K7HW, Gary McAdams WG7X, Rich Patrick KR7W, Mick Pier KK7QS, Bob Purdon AD7LJ, Bob Vandenheuvel KE7ECQ, Alfred Williams K7PUC, Peter Baker AD7EU, Paul LeBlanc K7AXJ and Morel Guyot W6LIX. A special thanks to Pete David KK7QW who helped make most of our CW contacts and many of the SSB contacts as well. I know there were others, please forgive me if I've left your name off the list. Also I want to express an extra special thank you to Worth Gurley W7WG and his XYL Marion. Marion called one day and asked if she could bring a cake for the Salmon Run Potluck to celebrate Worth's 90th birthday. We spread the word and had a great party.

The mighty DK collected 34 counties during the contest including the 2 we missed last year. Working CW helped get several that we couldn't find on SSB. Having Club members out and about was also helpful. I hope you got a chance to go to KR7W's web page to check out the pictures of the fine time had in Eastern Washington. If you see Chuck Kemmer AC7QN ask him about being at the other end of a pile up. Even though Nick Winter K7MO was freezing he still had a great time high in the hills of Eastern Washington with Linda Adams KE7FKX, Harry Hudson K7LAZ, Alan Lentz W7AML, and Don Hatlestad AC7FA. Several other groups were doing mini-DXpeditions around our beautiful state. Winter is a good time to plan your trips for 2009 and you may want to include Salmon Run weekend and plan on bringing your radio.

Now for the numbers, we contacted 34 of 39 counties and had 104 members pledge with 3842.00 collected to date with only 9 pledges yet to come in. The Board selected Rick Rose, Al Ferguson, Rich Patrick, and Chuck Kemmer to collect ideas to improve your club house and present those ideas to the board. We know you have ideas so see one of the committee members or one of your officers or board members to have your ideas thrown into the mix.

This is the second year for the Salmon Run Fund Raiser and I have learned that the members of the Radio Club of Tacoma are a kind and generous group. Also seeing the club station being used to put W7DK out there for others to contact gives me great satisfaction. My contesting skills still need work but then I have most of a year to work on them. So mark that third weekend in September as the "Slamming Salmon Run" and plan to join us at W7DK or maybe plan your own mini-DXpedition to some exotic Washington location.



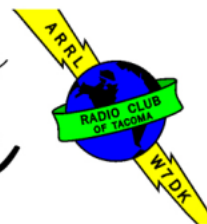
Happy Birthday

November

Day	Name	Call	RCT Number
3	Tim Mason	K7CTR	2356
7	Rich Patrick	KR7W	2172
8	Dave Richards	N7DAR	1577
8	Maury Kurtz	KD7VJX	2187
8	Russ Ornellas	KE7ROF	2365
11	Carl Erickson	KC7F	2309
15	Justin Carter	KC7TCW	2099
16	Kenneth Shattock	KC7ZJC	1986
18	Willie Bourlet	W7NXX	1098
21	Jeff Freedman	K7JF	1290
21	Peter Baker	AD7EU	2221
24	Alan Hughes	KB7SVU	1567
24	Bruce Perrussel	WB7TVS	2297
24	Donald Drake	AD7VU	2218
25	Sean Kelly	W7SPK	2347
26	Andrew Danisher	W7RW	748
27	Doug Eckler	KE7CMF	2295
27	Jack Bennett	K7KKP	2284
29	Jack Davis	W7IMW	1318
29	Vikki Carter	KC7TCX	2101



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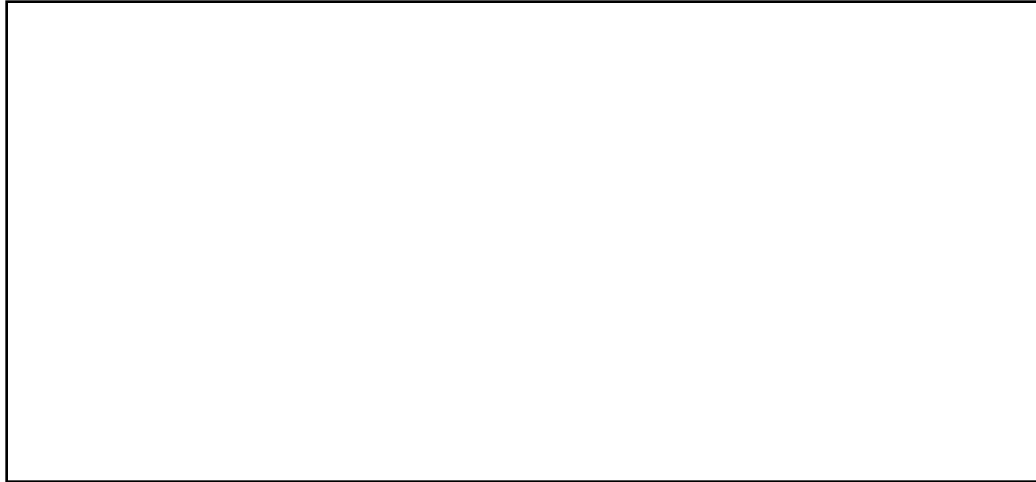
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To RCT Member:



NOVEMBER 2008 EVENTS

CLUB MEETINGS: Wednesdays November 12th and 26th at the Library Administration Building 112th and Waller Road. The club meets at 7:30 PM. Everyone is invited to attend.

Board Meeting: Wednesday November 5th, 7:30 PM at the RCT clubhouse. All members are welcome.

Bark Deadline: Last week-end of each month. Please submit articles by that time!

Support our club: Attend meetings, volunteer, Elmer!

Check into the weekly two meter net: Tuesdays at 7:30 PM on the club repeater on 147.280 MHz.

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